

Amendments to the Claims:

1-48 (Cancelled)

49. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising having at least 95% sequence identity to:

(a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 9, wherein said polypeptide is capable inhibiting VEGF-stimulated endothelial cell growth;

(a) (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9,

(b) (c) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9 lacking its associated signal sequence,

(c) (d) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:8,

(d) (e) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8,
or

(e) (f) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209265.

50. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 49.

51. (Previously Presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 50.

52. (Previously Presented) The host cell of Claim 51 which is a CHO cell, an *E.Coli*, a yeast cell or a Baculovirus-infected insect cell.

53. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 9 ~~PRO245 polypeptide~~ comprising culturing the host cell of Claim 51 under conditions suitable for expression of said polypeptide and recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture.

54. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9,
- (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9 lacking its associated signal sequence,
- (c) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:8,
- (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8, or
- (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209265.

55. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 54.

56. (Previously Presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 55.

57. (Previously Presented) The host cell of Claim 56 which is a CHO cell, an *E. Coli*, a yeast cell or a Baculovirus-infected insect cell.

58. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 9 ~~PRO245 polypeptide~~ comprising culturing the host cell of Claim 56 under conditions suitable for expression of said polypeptide and recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture.

59-63. (Cancelled)